

SPECIAL INVESTIGATION

Knox County Schools Food and Nutrition Department

The Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, in conjunction with the Knox County Sheriff's Department, investigated allegations of malfeasance related to the Knox County Schools Food and Nutrition Department.

INVESTIGATIVE RESULTS

- **Former school nutrition director misappropriated at least \$3,677, and engaged in various forms of waste and abuse**

During the period February 2013 through July 2014, the former school nutrition director, Jon Dickl, claimed and received travel and expense reimbursement payments totaling at least \$3,677 from Knox County Schools related to expenses for which other organizations either paid or reimbursed him. In addition, Knox County Schools reimbursed Mr. Dickl \$587 for a conference in Orlando, Florida; however, according to event organizers, he was not registered for this conference. Finally, Mr. Dickl claimed and was reimbursed \$178 for mileage allowance for a round trip from Knoxville to the Nashville airport to take a flight which, according to his calendar, accommodated a personal engagement he had in Nashville. Mr. Dickl was offered but declined a flight from Knoxville that was less expensive.

In May 2014, Mr. Dickl used Knox County Schools' employees and a vehicle to transport a school system clothes dryer from Karns Elementary School to his house for his personal benefit.

Summary of Misappropriation & Questionable Reimbursements by Jon Dickl

Method	Amount
Misappropriated Amount	
Duplicate travel and expense reimbursement	<u>\$3,677</u>
Total	<u>\$3,677</u>
Questionable Reimbursements	
Travel reimbursement for conference that Mr. Dickl was not registered for	587
Reimbursement for mileage to accommodate personal appointment	<u>178</u>
Total	<u>\$ 765</u>

These matters were referred to the local district attorney general.